

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER PROBLEM IN J&K
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether drinking water problem is becoming more and more acute in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether work is not being undertaken under drinking water scheme in the State;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken to solve this problem at Central level.
- (e) the progress made/development works undertaken during the last three years; and
- (f) the funds allocated/released to the State under the scheme alongwith the funds utilised and those returned to the Union Government out of the funds during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a): The State Government has informed that due to growth in population and drought like conditions prevailing for a few years, the drinking water problem exists in the State.

(b) to (d): Drinking Water Supply being a State subject, the schemes for providing drinking water supply in rural areas are implemented by the State Governments. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments have the powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir also implements rural water supply programmes in the State on the same pattern.

(e) & (f): As per the information received till 10.7.2002, the status of Not Covered (NC) and Partially Covered (PC) and Fully Covered (FC) habitations as on 01.04.1999, 01.04.2000, 01.04.2001 and 01.04.2002 is as under :

As on Status of Habitations
 NC PC FC

01.04.1999	2430	4047	4707
01.04.2000	2348	3726	5110
01.04.2001	2074	3688	5422
01.04.2002	1709	3576	5899

(g): the funds allocated/released to the State of J&K under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and funds utilised by the State during the last three years are as under :

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release	Utilisation
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1999-2000	63.81	31.91	23.37
2000-2001	87.88	36.94	68.12
2001-2002	98.96	62.92	65.69

Sector Reform Projects for institutionalising community participation in rural water supply sector are also being implemented in Srinagar and Udhampur district of Jammu & Kashmir. The details are as under:

(Rupees in crores)

S.No.	District	Project Cost	GOI Share	Funds Released	Expenditure Reported
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1.	Srinagar	25.11	23.48	7.04	3.36
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2.	Udhampur	25.00	22.50	6.75	4.41
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